

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1869.

Another quiet week; even the auction rooms have lost their attraction.

We have three foreign arrivals to report—the three-masted schooner *Forest King*, with lumber and spars from Tokiaki to H. Blackfield & Co., on Saturday last; the Colombian bark *Cordillera*, from San Francisco, touched on Sunday last en route to Honolulu; the clipper ship *Hose*, from the same port, on Tuesday, en route for Macao, the latter bringing a few letters and packages.

The D. C. Murray, of the Hawaiian Packet Line, sailed on Saturday with a full freight and twenty-three passengers. Her cargo was consigned sugar, produce, valued at \$42,254 10. The *Forest King* and *Cordillera* are laid on for Portland, O., and San Francisco, or load with dispatch.

By the *Hose* we have the following Commercial Summary:

San Francisco, February 5, 1869.

The departure of clippers for Manila and China ports have been frequent of late, but they afford a very uncertain conveyance for mails, as most of them decline to engage a stop at Honolulu, the Captain advised that if the weather is good, and if they arrive off the port in daylight, they may stop. With so much uncertainty, it is not safe to depend upon them.

The *Forest King* left on Friday, Feb. 22, and it is anticipated that she will be withdrawn from the route. The Company have also withdrawn one of their steamers from the Mexican route.

Both these changes have created surprise here, as the prospect for increased trade on both routes were good. The following is the San Francisco Commercial Report of February 22:

By the arrival of the propeller *Montana*, we have late advices from Honolulu. The dates are to January 10th; the commercial news is not important. For example, the *Montana* has been disengaged from the San Francisco route since her arrival to it publicly announced that the semi-monthly service to the Islands had been discontinued; but the *Montana* has since re-entered it in future there is to be a steamer every five weeks to Honolulu, instead of every three weeks as before. The *Montana* is now engaged on the San Francisco route, which is just opening, and the public were led to believe that the business was on the increase. The withdrawal of the *Montana* from the San Francisco route is due to the arrival of the steamer *Monarch* from their Mexico coast line, thus giving us only one steamer per month, instead of two, and the *Monarch* is to return to San Francisco in time to open up the San Francisco route again.

The *Monarch* has been engaged to the *Montana*, assigned to J. C. Keay & Co., Sanfrancisco, attached by creditors of the firm. The article is quoted at 18 cents.

Sugar has declined under increased receipts, and sales of No. 1 have been effected at from 180 to 210 cents; 150 cents is a fair quotation for strictly No. 1.

Molasses is neglected, and is doubtful if any large quantity will be imported.

Rubber is at record hourly, and Honolulu still at from \$60 to \$65.

The bark *Cambridge* has been laid on, to take the places of the steamer *Montana* withdrawn, and will sail on the 10th, or early on the morning of the 11th, with the mail.

The clipper ship *King Philip* has been chartered to load grain, and will sail for Honolulu about the same time with the bark.

The ships *Fraser* and *Southern Cross* are up for China, and will sail in the course of the coming fortnight. Both will probably touch at Honolulu.

The *Maule* is expected to leave on the 25th or 26th, and will be due at Honolulu by March 10th.

The Oregon Railroad is now rapidly approaching completion, both sections being near the point of Salt Lake.

MEADOW LANE ISLAND.—It is reported that the steamer *Monarch*, 450 tons, will leave the harbor of this island, en route to make a call at Honolulu.

Comptore appears determined to investigate the matter of illegal Consular fees, which are still the cause of complaint in some of the American Consulates. The report says that upon motion of Mr. Washburn, of Illinois, before the Senate, that the Secretary of State, the Treasury to direct the information. But other American officers of the United States have demanded and received no new demands and receiving for the verification of invoices fees greater than those provided by law, and if, what Consular officers and what amount received; and that the Secretary also inform the House what Consuls have failed or neglected to make returns and for how long a time; and that he further inform the House of the present demands now due to the United States at the hands of such officers.

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3. That the amount of the legal tender to be issued, yearly, during the term of the Director Comptroller be fixed by the Comptroller, and District Attorney and Mr. Andrus for the Government, and District Attorney and Mr. Andrus for the Government.

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5. Half a cent to loan on legal tenders or national bank notes.

6. Grant no more subsidies.

7. Secure equal distribution, national honesty, and economy.

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